

HOUSE RESOLUTION 140

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tony Townsend, a deputy with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office for being named "Officer of the Year" by the Memphis and Shelby County Optimists Clubs.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee are fortunate to have the services of brave men and women who daily put their lives and personal safety on the line as law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, one such brave and highly professional law enforcement officer is Deputy Tony Townsend with the Fugitive Division of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office; a Patrolman with the Sheriff's Office, he has worked in the Fugitive Division for eight years during which time he has helped with several special projects; and

WHEREAS, those projects included Operation Falcon, a nationwide effort with the U.S. Marshall's office to apprehend dangerous felons, which resulted in the arrest of almost 200 dangerous felons in Shelby County; Deputy Townsend also developed training curriculum and implemented protocols to train civilian clerks to conduct computer searches on warrants as they come into the court system, allowing the removal of much of the research burden from individual officers; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the twelve Optimists Clubs in the Shelby County area formed the "Respect for the Law Committee" to honor deserving law enforcement officers with the designation of "Officer of the Year"; this year's honoree was Deputy Tony Townsend; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County Sheriff Mark Luttrell praised the Optimist Clubs for their involvement in recognizing the efforts of law enforcement officers and expressed the gratitude of the Department for their bestowal of the honor on Deputy Townsend; Sheriff Luttrell said of

Townsend, "He is an excellent officer and truly exemplifies the professional standards of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office"; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body wishes to seize this opportunity to specially recognize Deputy Tony Townsend, one of the State of Tennessee's most outstanding law enforcement officers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Deputy Tony Townsend of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office upon being named "Officer of the Year" by the Optimists Clubs of Memphis and Shelby County, thank him for his unswerving professionalism and dedication to duty, and offer him our best wishes for every success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.